



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
First Baptist Church Gym and Parking
Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract until June 12, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, VCC 13-6202-NRP, will affect approximately 1.05 acres located at 182 Church Street in Charleston, SC and identified by tax map numbers 4580503005 and 4580503017.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and a company known as SCM Charleston Market Investors, LLC (SCM). SCM wants to acquire the property and develop the property with a mixed-use development that may include a hotel, conference center, apartments, retail spaces, and parking.

Past industrial activities at the property included operation of an ice-house, brewery and garage. Use of chemicals including ammonia and petroleum products during these former operations may have contaminated soil and groundwater on this property.

If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow SCM to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of possible environmental pollution on the property. SCM did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold SCM responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for the work SCM will do under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, SCM will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract does not reduce the responsibility of former owners or operators of the site.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882. The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until June 12, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, email gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4121 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.